EXHIBIT 2

1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
2	HEIDI SEEKAMP, On Behalf Of Herself and All
3	Others Similarly Situated,
4	Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-CV-00018-LEK-DRH
5	-against-
6	IT'S HUGH, INC., FUCCILLO LINCOLN MERCURY, INC., d/b/a FUCCILLO HYUNDAI,
7	FUCCILLO CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE OF AMSTERDAM, INC., FUCCILLO FORD, INC.,
8	FUCCILLO DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, INC., FUCCILLO IMPORTS, INC.,
9	FUCCILLO IMPORIS, INC., FUCCILLO AUTO WORLD, INC., FUCCILLO BUICK PONTIAC GMC, INC.,
10	FUCCILLO BUTCK PONTIAC GMC, INC., FUCCILLO CHEVROLET OF NELLISTON, INC., FUCCILLO HYUNDAI OF SYRACUSE, INC.,
11	FUCCILLO HYUNDAI OF STRACUSE, INC., FUCCILLO HYUNDAI OF GREECE, INC., FUCCILLO FORD OF SENECA FALLS, INC.,
12	FUCCILLO CHEVROLET OLDS PONTIAC BUICK, INC., FUCCILLO CHEVROLET, INC.,
13	FUCCILLO CHRYSLER OF NELLISTON, INC.,
14	FUCCILLO ENTERPRISES OF EAST GREENBUSH, INC., FUCCILLO ENTERPRISES, INC.
15	FUCCILLO FORD OF EAST GREENBUSH, INC., FUCCILLO FORD OF NELLISTON, INC.,
16	FUCCILLO PONTIAC BUICK, INC. and UNIVERSAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, INC.,
17	Defendants.
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19	DEPOSITION of Defendant, FUCCILLO, et al., by its agent, JOHN TESTONE, held pursuant to Order at the
20	Offices of ROEMER, WALLENS GOLD & MINEAUX, LLP, commencing, on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 10:00
21	a.m., before Deborah M. McByrne, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York.
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1	STIPULATIONS
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4	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the attorneys hereto, that:
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6	All rights provided by the C.P.L.R, and Part 221 of the Uniform Rules for the Conduct of
7	Depositions, including the right to object to any question, except as to form, or to move to strike any
8	testimony at this examination is reserved; and in addition, the failure to object to any question or to
9	move to strike any testimony at this examination shall not be a bar or waiver to make such motion at, and is
10	reserved to, the trial of this action.
11	This deposition may be sworn to by the
12	witness being examined before a Notary Public other than the Notary Public before whom this examination
13	was begun, but the failure to do so or to return the original of this deposition to counsel, shall not be
14	deemed a waiver of the rights provided by Rule 3116 of the C.P.L.R, and shall be controlled thereby.
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16	The filing of the original of this deposition is waived.
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18	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED, that a copy of this examination shall be furnished to the attorney for the
19	witness being examined without charge.
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- 1 (Documents are marked as Testone Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 for Identification.) 2 3 JOHN TESTONE, was called as a witness, and having been first 4 5 duly sworn, was examined and testified as 6 follows: EXAMINATION BY 8 MS. SCHNETDERMAN: 9 Q. Mr. Testone, good morning. My name is Susan 10 Schneiderman. I'm one of the attorneys for Heidi 11 Seekamp, in the case of Seekamp versus Fuccillo, et 12 cetera. Are you here pursuant to a notice to take the 13 deposition of a representative of It's Huge, Inc.? 14 A. I am. 15 Q. Okay. Now, I would like to show you what was marked 16 as Fuccillo -- strike that. 17 First of all, let me ask you, have you ever 18 had your deposition taken before?
- 19 A. Yes, I have.
- 20 Q. In what content?
- 2.1 A. Oh, I think it was an income tax audit case, a fraud
- 22 case and that was many years ago, and then once before
- 23 that. I'm not sure in what context.

- 1 Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Fuccillo about
- 2 that?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Did Mr. Fuccillo ask you any questions about it at any
- 5 time?
- A. No. When it comes to compliance, that's usually
- 7 something that's pretty much self-contained by bean
- 8 counters and people like myself, so, and at corporate.
- 9 And Mr. Fuccillo works hard, he visits the stores,
- 10 he's been -- he is not at corporate very often at all.
- 11 Q. At the time that you were reviewing the correspondence
- between Mr. Souris and the Insurance Department in
- assessing whether or not you felt that you were in
- compliance with the insurance laws, you, meaning the
- 15 Fuccillo Group, did you make any notes?
- 16 A. Did I make any notes? I don't believe so.
- Q. Did you prepare any written memoranda?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What kind of written memoranda did you prepare?
- 20 A. Yes, I prepared -- it was sometime pursuant to these
- 21 August faxes and so on. I prepared a memorandum,
- 22 which I believe was distributed to Billy Fuccillo and
- 23 Scott Fox, and I outlined the difference between the

- discount program and a group insurance program,
- 2 explained in detail the differences, and concluded
- 3 that the product we were selling was a discount
- 4 program, not an insurance program. I can't remember
- 5 whether that memo contained -- if I repeated what New
- 6 York State said about making sure there was a profit,
- 7 but I just wanted to communicate to Billy and to Scott
- 8 the results of my discussions with Mr. Souris, and
- 9 obtaining some documentation and so on. That was the
- 10 gist of that memo.
- 11 Q. Was that memo on paper or on e-mail or both?
- 12 A. Both. It was a Word document, yes, and paper.
- Q. Do you have a copy of that document?
- 14 A. Not with me.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. I have one --
- Q. Do you have one in your office?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. Okay. In the context of this lawsuit, were you asked
- 20 to produce documents relating to Etch ATSD? Were you
- asked to search your records for documents pertaining
- 22 to the Etch ATSD program that was sold by the Fuccillo
- 23 dealerships?

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       A. Was I asked? I know we were. I am not sure if I was
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          specifically. And I believe that document still
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          exists, although I did get a new computer about two
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          years ago, but I think we saved everything that was on
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          the hard drive.
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        (REQUEST)
                        MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: I would call for
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          production of the memoranda what was prepared by
          Mr. Testone in connection with his assessment of the
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          Etch ATSD product vis-à-vis the New York Insurance
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          Department.
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                   MR. KELLY: Yeah, we'll make a search for it.
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          I was just looking through the initial disclosure.
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                   MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: I don't recall having seen
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          it anywhere.
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                   MR. KELLY: And I'll see if it's here.
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                   MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: And that's not to say I
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          didn't miss it, although I certainly think it would
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          have caught my attention.
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       Q. I would like to direct your attention now to the
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          document that was marked -- strike that a second.
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                   Have there been any claims related to the
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          Etch ATSD product claims, meaning customers seeking to
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          obtain the benefits of their Etch ATSD product; have
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- 1 there been such claims on account of the Etch ATSD
- 2 product that Fuccillo was selling?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. How many claims that you know of?
- 5 A. One.
- Q. Might there have been claims that you don't know of?
- 7 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 8 Q. And where would one go to find that out?
- 9 A. You would have to get that from the individual stores.
- 10 Q. And have you, at any time, undertaken to request from
- the individual stores, any records that they have
- 12 concerning claims made under the Etch ATSD policies
- that they sold?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know if anybody within the Fuccillo Group
- 16 undertook that inquiry?
- 17 A. I do not.
- Q. And who at the Fuccillo Group would be the appropriate
- person to go to in connection with such an inquiry?
- 20 A. I'm not certain there would be any one person at -- we
- 21 call corporate -- at headquarters, the Fuccillo
- 22 Automotive Group headquarters. Most of the stores are
- 23 autonomous. That information certainly would be

- available at any one of the stores. I would be
- 2 speculating, but there's nobody at corporate that has
- 3 that responsibility, that I am aware of, including
- 4 myself.
- 5 Q. And could you describe what Scott Fox's position is?
- 6 A. Scott is a corporate general manager. Primarily, he
- 7 has not all, but several stores who, basically, the
- general managers they report to him. He is a car
- 9 person, he's not --
- 10 Q. A car, C-A-R?
- 11 A. He's an automotive person. He's been in the business
- for years and the day-to-day operations of an
- automotive dealership is his experience. And not all
- the stores, but somewhat geographic, but many of the
- stores, basically, the general manager, who was the
- top ranking person at a store, would report to him.
- 17 Q. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Fox concerning
- whether or not there were any customer claims with
- respect to the ATSD policies?
- 20 A. Never.
- 21 Q. I would like to put in front of you what was
- previously marked as Testone Exhibit 2.
- MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Is it possible to get some

- 1 additional copies of this so we could all look at it
- 2 or do you have one?
- 3 MR. KELLY: Yeah, I got it right here.
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Great.
- 5 MR. KELLY: Did you mark that yet?
- 6 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yes, this was premarked
- 7 when I started. This is Testone 2.
- 8 MR. KELLY: And here's a copy for you.
- 9 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Thank you.
- 10 Q. Do you recognize that document?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q. What do you recognize that document to be?
- 13 A. It was an e-mail, copy of an e-mail from Michelle
- 14 Kuwik to myself, dated January 29, 2009, where she
- says, "Hi, John. We received the Etch check on
- October 25, 2007. It was receipted under Universal
- 17 Automotive for customer Christopher Fields. Let me
- 18 know if you need further info."
- 19 Q. Did you ask her for any further info?
- 20 A. No, I did not.
- 21 Q. Okay. What was the circumstances that precipitated
- 22 Michelle having sent you this e-mail?
- 23 A. I received a call sometime before January 29 from, I

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          don't recall if it was Michelle, but it was somebody,
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          one of our employee. It could have been the general
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          manager, but from this store. This store is, it's the
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          Fuccillo Chevrolet, Inc., is the corporate name. It's
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          a Chevrolet store in Grand Island, New York, and they
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          called me because they weren't certain of whether they
          had the right phone number to, basically, contact
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          Universal.
                      They were having an issue with that and I
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          just -- all I had was, probably from my correspondence
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          from a letterhead on things that were received from
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          Universal, but I did have a phone number, gave that to
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          the person at that store who had called me, the phone
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          number, and I said let me know if you need anything
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          else. And then sometime later I got this, which was,
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          essentially, telling me that the claim had been paid
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          by Universal.
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       Q. Okay. Do you know why in January 2009 somebody was
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          looking for the telephone number to contact Universal?
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       A. I don't. I'm assuming they didn't have it.
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       Q. Do you know why they needed to contact Universal?
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       A. I get a lot of phone calls , sometimes thing that are
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          not within the scope of my knowledge or
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          responsibility. I make myself accessible, so, but
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- 1 other than that, to say that John Testone is the
- 2 person to contact with Etch questions, that would have
- 3 been probably a presumption on someone's part.
- 4 Q. Okay. Who was Michelle K.?
- 5 A. Michelle K., Michelle Kuwik --
- 6 MR. KELLY: Could you spell Kuwik for us?
- 7 THE WITNESS: K-U-W-I-K.
- 8 A. She is the office manager for Fuccillo Chevrolet,
- 9 Inc., doing business as Fuccillo Chevrolet of Grand
- 10 Island.
- 11 Q. And does she hold that position today?
- 12 A. Yes, she does.
- Q. And she held that position in January 29, 2009?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Did she hold that position in October 2007, if you
- 16 know?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. Okay. Was Michelle responding to an inquiry from you
- when she wrote this e-mail on January 29, 2009?
- 20 A. To repeat, I think what I said earlier, is that when
- 21 they were seeking to get, to communicate with
- Universal, I think that what she was reporting here,
- subsequently, was that they obviously got through to

- 1 Q. You may.
- 2 A. I had telephone numbers from the fax cover sheet from
- 3 Universal. I can't remember exactly if that's the
- 4 number. I don't know which number, but whatever I
- 5 gave them, apparently enabled them to get through to
- 6 Universal. I would have to -- because my file
- 7 consisted, pretty much, of what was attached to
- 8 Testone Exhibit Number 3.
- 9 Q. And when did you first learn that Heidi Seekamp had
- 10 sued Fuccillo? And when I use the term Fuccillo, I'm
- referring to the group of Fuccillo companies.
- 12 A. It was shortly after the complaint, because I did see
- a copy of the original complaint, and I'm not sure
- exactly what that date is, but it was shortly
- thereafter.
- 16 Q. At any time since having become aware of the existence
- of this lawsuit, did you undertake any effort to
- determine whether claims had been asserted by
- customers pursuant to the ATSD policies?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. And do you know -- I may have asked this already. Do
- 22 you know if anybody within the Fuccillo Group was
- 23 charged with that responsibility of finding out?

- 1 A. You did ask that before, I believe, and to -- no, I
- 2 don't know of anyone else that was charged with that
- 3 task of, at corporate or anywhere.
- 4 Q. Were you ever asked if it was correct that no such
- 5 claims were ever made?
- 6 A. Was I ever asked that? No, I was never asked that.
- 7 Q. I am going to show you what was previously marked as
- 8 Lewis Exhibit 3, and I just want to ask you if this is
- 9 a document that you ever saw? You could take a look
- 10 at it.
- 11 A. I believe, yes, I have seen this document at least
- once before.
- 13 Q. Okay. Did you participate, at all, in the framing of
- any response to the allegations in that document?
- 15 A. No, other than my deposition, which was, we looked at
- 16 earlier, I did not.
- 17 Q. You mean, you are referring to your affidavit?
- 18 A. I mean my affidavit, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Do you know if there was any contract between
- 20 Fuccillo, any Fuccillo entity and Universal concerning
- 21 the sale of the Etch ATSD products?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. No, you don't know or no there was none?

1 the dealership go about insuring that there was always 2 a profit on the vehicle, on the new vehicle? MR. KELLY: You mean how about a different 3 4 profit or even a dime, even ten cents of a profit? 5 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Any profit on the 6 replacement vehicle after applying the \$2,000 7 discount. 8 MR. KELLY: Do you mean how would an 9 individual dealership make sure they made ten cents? 10 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yes. MR. KELLY: Oh, well, they just cut their 11 12 margin. 13 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Well, why don't we let the 14 witness answer the question. 15 MR. KELLY: Well, I think your question is 16 confusing. 17 Q. Do you understand the question, Mr. Testone? 18 A. If you could repeat it, please. 19 Q. If a customer was to come into any of the Fuccillo 20 dealerships that sold Etch, stating I've complied with 2.1 the requirements under the policy, my car was stolen, 22 I would like to purchase a new vehicle with my \$2,000 23 discount --

- 1 A. Right?
- 2 Q. Okay? How is it assured that the dealership would
- 3 make a profit on the replacement transaction?
- 4 MR. KELLY: Let me just note my objection to
- 5 the question, because I think it's a 10 percent
- 6 discount, up to \$2,000.
- 7 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Ah, I'm sorry. I think
- 8 you're correct.
- 9 MR. KELLY: Yeah, that's on the Exhibit
- 10 Testone 4 on paragraph 2 on the next page, Auto Theft
- 11 Security Discount.
- 12 MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: I stand corrected.
- 13 MR. KELLY: Yeah.
- 14 Q. With the amendment that your attorney placed in the
- 15 question --
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. -- that the discount was 10 percent or \$2,000,
- 18 whichever is less. Okay? How would the dealership
- assure that they were profiting from the transaction?
- 20 A. I would say there was nothing in place in way of a
- 21 mandate that said whenever you sell an Etch contract,
- if a customer comes back and receives either their
- \$2,000 discount towards the purchase of a replacement

1 vehicle or 10 percent, there was probably nothing like 2 that, except that just I guess my response is based on 3 common sense. We are starting out with, let's assume, 4 just for discussion, that that was \$2,000, the maximum 5 discount. 6 Q. Okay. Which would mean it was a \$20,000 or greater 7 purchase price? 8 A. Exactly. 9 Q. Okay. 10 A. So we have a car purchase -- the selling price is 11 \$20,000, and the customer is entitled to a \$2,000 12 discount. So we'd have to have -- let me just do the 13 math for a moment. I mean, there's a margin of profit 14 between our cost for that vehicle and what we're 15 selling it for. We started out with a \$2,000 -- that 16 \$2,000 is coming from Universal Automotive Services. 17 So I guess we would have to sell it for \$2,000.10 over 18 our -- under our cost, if you will -- over our cost, 19 if you will, but we're not making a profit, and even 20 then we wouldn't. We are getting \$2,000 applied to 2.1 the deal from Universal Automotive Services. It's the

customer's credit. So there's a built in discount.

quess maybe that's why it's an -- the customer is

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- 1 getting the discount, but it's being applied to the
- deal. From a practical standpoint, it would seem to
- 3 me that it would be virtually impossible not to make a
- 4 profit.
- 5 Q. So in assessing whether or not the transaction was
- 6 profitable, do you view the \$2,000 in the example that
- 7 you gave me as a wash?
- 8 A. A wash?
- 9 O. A wash, meaning you gave the customer a discount, but
- it's reimbursed, and in calculating your profit, do
- 11 you calculate --
- 12 A. It's not a wash. I'm sorry to interrupt you, ma'am.
- 13 It's not a wash.
- Q. Okay. That's what I am trying to find out.
- 15 A. It's like a manufacture's incentive. I mean in this
- respect, that the manufacturer -- if the customer
- assigns the incentive to which they are entitled --
- 18 Q. Right?
- 19 A. We are getting \$2,000 in this case from the assignment
- of an incentive.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. So it's not a wash. It's part of the selling price
- 23 that we are getting paid for.

- 1 Q. Okay. So in computing whether there is a profit or
- loss on the transaction, how is the \$2,000 factored
- 3 into that computation? Where would I find that?
- 4 A. Well, we maintained records on what our cost, our true
- 5 cost --
- 6 Q. Right.
- 7 A. -- of the vehicle is. And we also maintain records as
- 8 to the selling price. And if we are getting a \$2,000
- 9 discount, that is not a wash, but is applied to the
- transaction, it seems to me that even if we sold it at
- 11 cost, okay, we're still getting that \$2,000 from
- 12 the -- it's a built-in profit.
- 13 Q. Okay. So, let me see if I understand it now, because
- math and accounting is not my thing. Okay? So you
- 15 have a \$20,000 vehicle?
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Okay? And is there a typical dealer markup?
- 18 A. It varies. It varies. I think that -- I mean, it
- varies not only from dealership to dealership,
- 20 manufacturer or the type of car we're selling, but I
- 21 think if you used \$2,000 as a spread between cost and
- selling price, that probably would be fair for
- discussion.

- 1 Q. Okay. So if you look at, let's say for example if you
- were to look at the sticker price, the manufacture's
- 3 suggested selling price on the sticker, on the
- 4 vehicle, let's say it was \$20,000, okay, would it be
- 5 reasonable then to assume that the dealership
- 6 purchased the vehicle for \$18,000 from the
- 7 manufacturer or something less than that?
- 8 A. No, I think that would be reasonable. Again, it's
- 9 going to vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.
- 10 Q. Understood. This is more of a hypothetical, trying to
- figure out the way that this is computed.
- 12 A. Okay.
- Q. Okay? So you got a \$2,000 profit built into that, if
- 14 you sell the car at the sticker price?
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. Okay? Is that correct so far?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Based on the parameters that we set out here?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, the customer comes in with their Etch ATSD
- certificate and says, I've complied with the
- requirements of the program, I'm entitled to a
- discount. I want to buy this \$20,000 vehicle. Right?

- Okay. So, now the customer is entitled to a \$2,000
- discount. Okay? So now you've sold her the \$20,000
- 3 vehicle, you've discounted it by \$2,000, so she has to
- 4 pay \$18,000; correct?
- 5 A. We're applying a credit, yes. So the customer --
- 6 Q. You're applying a credit. You're asking the customer
- 7 to pay \$18,000?
- 8 A. Right. We haven't discounted anything. We're selling
- 9 it for 20, but the customer is going to be responsible
- 10 for paying the balance of 18.
- 11 Q. Okay. So, and you purchased the vehicle from the
- 12 manufacturer for 18?
- 13 A. Right.
- Q. So in that circumstance, have you still made a profit?
- 15 A. \$2,000.
- Q. You still made a \$2,000 profit. And if the customer
- negotiated a lower price, saying, look, I want to
- negotiate a price of \$19,000 on the vehicle. Okay?
- So she negotiates, or she or he negotiates a \$19,000
- price on the vehicle, the 10 percent now is \$1,900,
- and that's the discount that's applied?
- 22 A. Yes, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. And --

- 1 A. In that case we are making \$1,000 profit.
- 2 Q. In that case you are making \$1,000 profit?
- 3 MR. KELLY: No, 1,900.
- 4 A. Oh, 1,900, I'm sorry.
- 5 Q. 19,000 minus 1,900.
- 6 A. No, it's \$1,000 off, so.
- 7 Q. So that would be, the customer would now be
- 8 responsible for \$17,100?
- 9 A. Compare that to the \$19,000; right?
- 10 Q. Correct. So now you've made a \$1,000 profit?
- 11 A. That's what I said, yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- MR. KELLY: Actually, you made a \$1,900
- 14 profit, haven't you?
- MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: You made -- yes. No.
- 16 MR. KELLY: \$1,900.
- 17 A. No, because we're --
- 18 Q. No, you purchased the car -- actually, you've made a
- 19 \$900 profit. No.
- 20 A. No, 19 -- the profit would be \$1,000. Regardless, for
- 21 starters, where it's coming from, if we discounted the
- 22 price to the customer because nobody pays sticker -
- and said, yes, we'll sell you the car for \$19,000,

- we're getting \$19,000. But, in that case, 1,900 of it
- is coming from the customer, and the 17,100 would be
- 3 coming -- should be 17 one is --
- 4 Q. 1,900 is coming from?
- 5 A. Universal. And 17,100 is coming from the customer.
- 6 So it's still \$1,000 profit.
- 7 Q. Got it. I got it.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. Now, you indicated when we began the deposition today,
- that you're not qualified or completely qualified to
- talk about instructions, training and procedures with
- respect to the sale of the Etch ATSD or similar
- products as part of the sale of vehicles by Fuccillo
- dealerships. Do you recall telling me that?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- 16 Q. Okay. First of all, who would be the person at
- 17 Fuccillo who would be most, who would be best able to
- discuss the instructions, training and procedures for
- 19 Etch ATSD products?
- 20 A. Dealership management personnel.
- 21 Q. And for that, we would have to go to each individual
- dealership?
- 23 A. Yes. Specifically general manager, general sales

- 1 (Discussion is held off the record.)
- 2 (Memo is marked as Testone Exhibit 7 for
- 3 Identification.)
- 4 (BY MS. SCHNEIDERMAN)
- 5 Q. Back on the record. Mr. Testone, my understanding is
- 6 that during the break you were able to obtain from
- 7 your office a copy of the memo that you distributed to
- 8 Mr. Fuccillo, Scott Fox and Shawn Rowlands that you
- 9 had described earlier in your testimony; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Do you have before you the document that's been marked
- as Testone 7 for identification?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Is that the memo that you were able to obtain from
- 16 your office?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Is that, in fact, the memo that you described in your
- earlier testimony that you had prepared?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And the memo is dated August 16, 2005. Is that
- the date on which you prepared it?
- 23 A. Yes, it is.

- Q. Okay. And the memo is directed to Mr. -- to Billy
- 2 Fuccillo, with copies to Scott Fox and Shawn Rowlands.
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Had Mr. Fuccillo requested anything in particular that
- 6 prompted you to make this, to prepare this memo?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Why did you prepare the memo?
- 9 A. Basically, to convey to some of our top -- the owner
- and top people at corporate headquarters, the results
- of my review of our arrangement with Universal
- 12 Automotive Services. They had a need to know.
- Q. Who had a need to know?
- 14 A. The recipients of the memoranda.
- 15 Q. By the recipients, Mr. Fuccillo?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Mr. Fox?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And Ms. Rowlands?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What was the basis of their need to know?
- 22 A. Billy, as the owner, should know everything. Scott
- Fox's title is corporate general manager, and I think

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Did Mr. Fuccillo ask to see them?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Did Shawn Rowlands ask to see them?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did Mr. Fox ask to see them?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 O. Did Mr. Lewis ask to see them?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. I would like you to turn to the June 22, 1991
- 11 correspondence from the State Insurance Department.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. You have that in front of you?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. Okay. Taking a look, turning to page 2 of the letter.
- 16 A. Okay.
- Q. Looking at the second to last paragraph, where it
- 18 says, "It must also be noted that there is no kind of
- insurance that may be sold in New York that would
- indemnify the dealer for the amount of the discounts."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you see that at the time that you read the letter?

- 1 A. I am sure I did.
- 2 Q. Okay. Did you come to any conclusions concerning
- 3 product which were selling based upon that statement?
- 4 A. It's a while back, but maybe having read that, that
- 5 would only again reconfirm some of my issues that I
- 6 raised here, particularly one of the stones that was
- 7 thrown by Mr. Crossley at Mr. Souris, was that there
- 8 was no insurance backing. So that if, in fact, there
- 9 is no kind of insurance that could be sold in New York
- that would indemnify the dealer and, in fact, if
- 11 Universal -- if Crossley was right in his stone that
- he threw about the financial backing, my concern would
- be to make sure that we weren't in a position where
- there would be a claim and it would be nobody to make
- 15 the claim, to make us whole, that we had given the
- discount. And that was really my objective from the
- beginning, was to look out for the, for my employer.
- 18 Q. Okay. And what steps did you do to determine whether
- or not, in fact, there was sufficient financial
- 20 backing to protect your employer?
- 21 A. Nothing, nothing, I did nothing personally.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether anybody else did?
- 23 A. No, I don't. I don't know if anybody else did.

- 1 Q. Okay. So when you read the statement in the letter
- from the Insurance Department to Mr. Souris that said
- 3 it must also be noted there is no kind of insurance
- 4 that may be sold in New York that would indemnify the
- 5 dealer for the amount of the discount, what did you
- 6 take that to mean? Did you have an understanding of
- 7 what that sentence meant?
- 8 A. Yeah, I think I did and I think I do.
- 9 Q. Okay. And what was that understanding?
- 10 A. I guess the risk involved here is that if the dealer
- was not reimbursed for a discount given to a qualified
- customer who had purchased an Etch contract, that we
- would have exposure that we had given a discount for
- 14 which we were not reimbursed.
- MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Could you read that answer
- 16 back, please?
- 17 (The previous answer is read back.)
- 18 Q. Okay. And what is your understanding of how that
- connects up to the ATSD products that were being sold
- 20 by Fuccillo?
- 21 MR. KELLY: How it connects up?
- MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: Yes, how it connects up.
- 23 That was my technical term.

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          little more specificity the substance of the
          discussions that you had, please?
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       A. I don't recall. All I know is that the gist of it is
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          that Mr. Crossley wanted us to do business with him,
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          and Mr. Souris wanted us -- wanted to retain our
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          business. And each of them, their motivation, that
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          being their motivation, was, as stated in here, were
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          throwing stones at the other.
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                   MS. SCHNEIDERMAN: I have nothing further.
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                    (Whereupon the above-entitled matter was
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          concluded at 2:51 p.m.)
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